

ulated any scheme for the development of tribal areas in Maharashtra;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the central assistance provided under the scheme; and

(c) the progress made so far under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) (a) to (c). The details of the Tribal Sub-Plan of Maharashtra are available in the State Plan Document.

Proposal to start Regional New Unit and P.I.B. Unit at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh

3855. SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to start Regional News Centre and P.I.B. Centre at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, steps initiated in this regard so far?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRJAVYAS):

(a) and (b). The opening of new PIB offices depends on the size of the 8th Plan and availability of financial resources.

There is no proposal to start Regional News Centre at Vizag in Andhra Pradesh.

Performance of Thermal Power Plants

3856. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have recently reviewed the performances of all the thermal power plants in the country;

(b) if so, the period of performance for which information has been received; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The performance of thermal power stations in the country is being continuously monitored. The details of energy generation and plant load factor of thermal power stations during April-November, 1991 are furnished below:

Period: April-Nov. 91

Thermal Generation (Million Units)

Target	135597
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Actual	131710
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Plant Load Factor (%)

Target	54.4
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Actual	52.8
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The main reason for shortfall in thermal generation was taking of maximum number of thermal units under planned maintenance due to low irrigation demand and excess hydro generation during monsoon months.

Expenditure on Security of Ex-Presidents and Ex-PMs

3857. SHRI KUNJEE LAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the expenditure incurred by the Government on the security of ex-President, ex-Prime Ministers and their families during the last one year, month-wise;

(b) the details of the expenditure incurred on each of them, separately;

(c) the total expenditure incurred on the security of Union Ministers, month-wise; and

(d) the details of the expenditure being incurred on the security of each of the Ministers of the present Council of Ministers, separately since its formation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Discrimination in Telephone Connections in Delhi

3858. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the time taken in providing tele-

phone connections after sanction in Delhi;

(b) whether any discrimination is being done by Mahanagar Telephone Nigam, New Delhi in sanctioning telephone connections in order of priority;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the action taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) The time taken in providing telephone connections after sanction varies from exchange to exchange and locality to locality. However, subject to technical feasibility and availability of exchange capacity, telephone connections are being provided generally within 3 to 4 weeks of their sanction.

(b) to (d). No, Sir. Telephone connections are sanctioned strictly in order of their registration number in the waiting list except in those cases where sanctions for out-of-turn priority are issued as per rules.

[*English*]

Migration of Pak Nationals to Gujarat

3859. DR. K.D. JESWANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of pakistani nationals migrated to the State of Gujarat during the last one year;

(b) whether they have been allowed the facilities for Long Term Visa and grant of citizenship; and

(c) if so, how many such persons have been granted citizenship during last one year?